GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Higher Education – Scheme for Sub Mission on Development of Education – Contracting the services of Ms. Kriti Awasthi, Advocate & Public Policy Consultant as Expert/ Specialized Consultant for Higher Education Department – Orders - Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (OP) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 565 **Dated:21-12-2015**

Read the following:-

1) G.O.Ms. No.89, Finance (HR) Departmen, dt.16-07-2015.
2) Application dt.16-11-2015 of Ms. Kriti Awasthi, Advocate & Public Policy Consultant.

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O R D E R:

The State of Andhra Pradesh has a vision to become a leading State in India by the year 2029 by ranking high on the Human Development Indices and by ensuring high living standards for its people. This vision is sought to be realized through seven inter-related Missions, namely: Primary Sector Mission, Social Empowerment Mission, Knowledge and Skill Development Mission, Industry Sector Mission, Infrastructure Mission, Service Sector Mission and Urban Development Mission. Of the seven Missions identified by the Government to achieve the goals, Higher Education will play a crucial role in development of human resource capital and making Vision 2029 a reality. As such, Higher Education has been recognized as an important Growth Engine for the State of Andhra Pradesh. The outcomes expected for the higher education department is to transform Andhra Pradesh an **Education and Knowledge Hub** of global standards.

2. Several initiatives are underway in the Department on a two track approach, namely: (i) Strengthening existing State Universities and institutions of higher education, and (ii) attracting high quality institutions in the private sector to education city/hubs in the new State of Andhra Pradesh. Some of the initiatives underway include:

- Introduction of A.P. Private Universities Bill 2015;
- A.P. University Act 1991 - Amendment Bill 2015;
- Education City/Hubs - Policies for development in PPP mode, financial models feasible and strategy for development;
- Aligning State Higher Education Policy with National goals and International bench mark;
- Internationalizing Higher Education through relevant MoUs with different organizations and Universities;
- Legal issues of department pertaining to bifurcation of 10th Schedule institutions and other court cases.

2. Ms. Kriti Awasthi, Advocate & Public Policy Consultant has submitted an application dt.16-11-2015 stating that from 18-05-2015 to 04-06-2015, she was part of a fellowship with Andhra Pradesh Government in the Finance Department to institutionalize a Board known as the Economic Development Board of A.P.(APEDB) and she was selected through an international competitive process by the Finance Department for handling legal issues. Recently she advised the NITI Aayog on the Regulatory Reform Bill after taking stakeholders views into consideration. She was also working in a Public Policy Law Firm called PLR Chambers(Delhi). She is a dual qualified Charted Accountant and an Advocate working in the field of Public Policy. She had 4 years experience working with KPMG and 3 years in the field of law. Therefore, she has requested to give an opportunity to work in the field of public policy relating to Higher Education Department to exposure in working with the Governments in bringing policy / regulatory reforms in various field public interest.

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4. Government have examined her request and recalls that she has already been associated with the department during her internship period with EDB (AP) and finds her competent and qualified to assist in the tasks identified above. Ms. Kriti Awasthi, Advocate & Public Policy Consultant was already selected through an international competitive process by the Finance Department for handling legal issues. Engaging the services of Ms. Kriti Awasthi will enable the department to meet the time lines defined for achieving goals of development of education city / hubs, inviting green field universities to the State as per priorities of the Government and facilitating flow of private investments into the field of higher education to improve quality, access and equity in higher education sector.

5. Considering the qualifications and seven years of experience of Ms. Kriti Awasthi, Advocate & Public Policy Consultant as Expert/ Specialized Consultant and following the precedent of G.O.Rt.No.1955, Dated:02-07-2015 of Finance(OP.II)Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Government have decided to engage the services of Ms. Kriti Awasthi for Higher Education Department for a period of one year w.e.f. 23-11-2015, since her services have been utilized since that date with a consultancy fee of Rs.1.25 lakh per month with vehicle and mobile, TA and DA as per rules in vogue. The order is subject to termination of services without notice.

6. The expenditure shall be debited to the Head of Account “2251-00-090-11-09-280-284”.

7. The Higher Education(Claims)Department is requested to draw the monthly consultancy fee through ECS and credit to Bank Account of the above Expert/ Specialized Consultant during her tenure.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SUMITA DAWRA
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Ms. Kriti Awasthi,
Advocate & Public Policy Consultant.

Copy to:-
The Higher Education(Claims)Department.
The P.S. to Secretary to Government(HE)
The OSD to Hon’ble Minister(HRD)
The Deputy Pay and Accounts Officer,
A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad.
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